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SUBJECT: TRANSECUADOREAN PIPELINE BROKEN ONCE AGAIN; GASOLINE
PIPELINE FROM COAST TO QUITO IS ALSO BROKEN

1. TRANSECUADOREAN PIPELINE WAS BROKEN ONCE AGAIN BY LAND-
SLIDES MORNING OF JULY 29. PIPELINE HAD ONLY BEEN IN
SERVICE THIRTY HOURS SINCE PREVIOUS BREAK. TEXACO-GULF
ESTIMATES THIS BREAK WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST SEVERAL DAYS
TO REPAIR. EXPORTS ARE SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF LOW STOCKS
IN BALAO.

2. MAJOR QUITO DAILY EL COMERCIA CARRIED EDITORIAL
JULY 25 ASKING REASONS FOR FREQUENT BREAKS IN THE PIPELINE,
AND EL TIEMPO CARRIED EDITORIAL COLUMN JULY 28 COMPLAINING
THAT TEXACO-GULF HAD EITHER USED POOR CONSTRUCTION METHODS
OR WAS PURPOSELY DAMAGING THE LINE. EL COMERCIO PETROLEUM
REPORTER TOLD EMBOFF JULY 24 THAT MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES
VARGAS HAD ASKED THE NEWSPAPERS TO CARRY ARTICLES CRITICIZ-
ING TEXACO-GULF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
PIPELINE.

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3. CEPE-CONTROLLED GASOLINE LINE FROM THE COAST TO QUITO
HAS ALSO BEEN BROKEN FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THE GASOLINE
SHORTAGE--WITH LONG LINES AND INCREASING PUBLIC IRRITATION--
HAS FOCUSED PUBLIC CRITICISM ON CEPE AND THE GOE.
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